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Inside College Station

A publication for College Station citizens

What's in your water?

You can find out everything you've wanted to know about College Station's water but were afraid to ask in *Water Illustrated*, the City of College Station's 2006 Water Quality Report.

Hot off the press and full of good information about our City's drinking water, there is something for everyone in this yearly publication. First and foremost is the answer to the number one question: YES, College Station's water meets Federal and State standards.

Whether you are looking for specific results of water samples taken in compliance with governmental standards, or you have a more general interest in facts and figures about College Station water, the answers are easily accessible in the eight-page edition produced by the Water Services Division of College Station Utilities.



For those who wish to fill their lives with laughter, there are the *Top 10 Signs You're Using Too Much Water*. A favorite is #3: *The Army Corps of*

Engineers considers your lawn to be a jurisdictional wetlands.

Children of CSU's Department of Water Services employees are featured having fun at the pools or Lincoln Center's new splash park. There is even a kid's page with word scrambles, word searches and fun facts.

For the many home gardeners and landscapers, this year's report has a section about xeriscaping. The informative and practical article, featuring comments by Doug Welsh, TAMU Professor of Horticulture Science and Texas Cooperative Extension horticulturist, offers tips on how to maintain a lush, colorful yard that will withstand the Texas heat and conserve water at the same time.

Copies were mailed to all CSU customers and are available at City Hall.

White House in Miniature

From the White House Red Room to the Oval Office to the Rose Garden, visiting 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue would be a highlight for anyone's summer vacation.

For a fraction of the cost of an airplane ticket to Washington, D.C., you can visit the next best thing: the White House in Miniature at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Built on a scale of one inch to one foot, this amazing work

of history, art, and architecture is 55 feet long and 20 feet wide. Since the display's last visit to College Station, ten rooms have been added to the magnificent replica.

Jan and John Zweifel and members of their family have spent over 30 years building, tweaking and adding to the scale model. The Zweifel's have personally contributed more than \$1,000,000 to the project, including several hundred thousand

hours of research and construction. Thousands of volunteers and craftsmen contributed their time and talents as well.

It will be on display through January, 2008. Hours are Monday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors (62+) and retired or active military; \$2 for children 6 and over; and free for TAMU and Blinn students and children under 6.



Mark Your Calendar

July 3 First Day of Summer Session II, TAMU

July 4 Independence Day, City offices and TAMU closed
--**Holiday waste schedule in effect.**
--**Adamson Lagoon 4th of July Celebration**, 3 pm
--**"I Love America"**, 4th of July celebration and fireworks, George Bush Library, 5:30 pm

July 5 P&Z Meeting*, City Hall, 7 pm

July 6 - 7 Annual Lincoln Former Student Association Reunion, Lincoln Center

July 11 East Side Transportation Study Meeting, 6 pm, Christ United Methodist Church, 764-3690

July 12 City Council*, Workshop, 3 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

July 13 Let's Have a Ball, Brazos Valley Children's Museum, 7pm, 779-5437

July 18 Exploring History Lunch Lecture, CS Conference Center, 11:30 am, RSVP to 764-3491

July 19 P&Z Meeting*, City Hall, 7pm
--**Family Swim Night**, Adamson Lagoon, 7:30 pm

July 26 City Council*, Workshop, 3 pm, Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

July 29 - August 5 Girls Fast Pitch National Championship Tournament, 764-3486

August 1 Senior Computer Club, Carter Creek Training Room, 9 am, 764-6371

August 2 Family Swim Night, Adamson Pool, 7 pm

August 6 (Monday) City Council*, Workshop, 3 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm; City Hall

* **Broadcast live on Cable Channel 19 and www.cstx.gov.**

News to Know

■ **It's America's Night Out Against Crime!** The **"24th Annual National Night Out"** (NNO) this year is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7. Get out of your house... and meet your neighbors. That is the message College Station Police Department wants to send to residents.

Getting to know your neighbors is the first step toward creating friendly and safer neighborhoods. CSPD officers will be available to visit neighborhoods where gatherings occur to answer questions and share crime prevention information. For more information concerning National Night Out, or to arrange for an officer to visit your gathering, please contact Officer Robert Turner at 764-3579.

■ **Click It or Ticket!** The College Station Police Department recently participated in an enforcement campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) called "Click It or Ticket." During this period, 104 citations were issued in College Station for safety belt violations and zero for child safety seat violations.

The goal of this campaign is to increase seat belt and child safety seat usage in Texas throughout the year. Selective traffic enforcement campaigns such as this are made possible through grant funds provided by TxDOT to law enforcement agencies to enforce traffic safety laws such as safety belt and child safety seat use. Through these grants, Texas peace officers primarily work overtime and regular time to issue citations within their local jurisdiction.

Both pre- and post-surveys were conducted and showed an increase of more than 13% in seatbelt and child safety seat compliance. This campaign will continue to be conducted throughout the city at various times of the year in an effort to maintain/increase compliance.

■ A new code section has been added to the **International Residential Code** that will further protect small children from falls through exterior windows. Windows adjacent to exterior finished grade, with more than a 72 inch difference in elevation from the window opening to such finished grade, must have sills to at least 24 inches above the floor of the room. In addition, the maximum windowsill height for emergency escape and rescue openings is 44 inches above the floor. This is only a portion of the code change. If you have questions, please contact the City of College Station Building Department at 979-764-3570.

■ **Transportation Project Updates:**

--**TxDOT Texas Avenue widening** project on target for completion in the Spring of 2008.

--**TxDOT SH 6 ramps** project continues on the frontage road between Texas Avenue and Rock Prairie.

--**City of College Station Dartmouth Drive** project between Krenk Tap Road and FM 2818 estimated completion date early Spring 2008.

--**City of College Station Jones-Butler Road** extension between Holleman Drive and FM 2818 is now open.

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July 20 - 22 ASA Co-Ed Softball Tournament

July 20-22 IMAGINE: A&M CHS 60s Decade Reunion, CS Conference Center, 764-3491

July 21 Double Dip Day (all CS pools) 2-4 pm

July 26 City Council*, Workshop, 3 pm, Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

July 29 - August 5 Girls Fast Pitch National Championship Tournament, TAMU Womens Softball Complex 764-3486

August 1 Senior Computer Club, Carter Creek Training Room, 9 am, 764-6371

August 2 Planning & Zoning Commission*, Council Chambers, 7 pm

--**Family Swim Night**, Adamson Lagoon, 7 pm

August 4 BBQ Blast at Adamson Lagoon (2-4 pm)

August 6 (Monday) City Council*, Workshop, 3 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm; City Hall

August 6-10 Summer Skating Camp, Arctic Wolf Ice Rink, 693-3300

August 7 National Night Out 764-3579

August 10 - 11 12th Annual Blues Festival, Navasota

August 15 Exploring History Lunch Lecture, CS Conference Center, 11:30 pm, 764-3491

August 16 Planning & Zoning Commission*, Council Chambers, 7 pm

August 27 First Day of Classes, College Station ISD and Texas A&M University

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